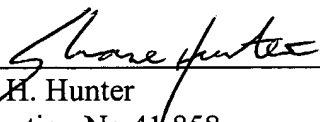


**REMARKS**

Applicant has preliminarily amended the independent claims and respectfully requests consideration. Applicant has also canceled claims 2 and 13 without prejudice.

This application is believed to be in allowable condition, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the Applicant's Attorney at the number provided below with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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